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Dear MR. SNOW -

please consider this letter a response to the  
revised CALFED plan.

I oppose CALFED's plan to increase surface  
water storage in the central valley by raising  
existing dams or building new off stream storage  
reservoirs. CALFED's plan to raise Shasta dam  
would flood segments of the upper Sacramento  
and McCloud rivers. CALFED's proposed sites  
offstream storage reservoirs would require  
massive water diversions from the Sacramento  
River.

I urge CALFED to expand water efficiency,  
conservation, and reclamation programs to stretch  
our existing water supply, instead of building new  
dams and canals. This could be done by switching to  
higher value and less water consumptive crops  
and by installing water meters for all agricultural  
and urban users.

I support CALFED's proposed restoration  
goals for the central valley, including  
removing some facilities such as the Eagle  
wright dam, that acts as a barrier to

migrating salmon, acquiring important  
riparian habitat, and increasing instream  
flows for fish, wildlife, and recreation.

We cannot solve the ecological problems  
caused by dams and diversions, by building  
more dams and diversions

Thank you

sincerely,

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